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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4200

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- BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:
- 3 THAT the Legislature of the State of Washington, pursuant to
- 4 Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby ratifies an
- 5 amendment to that document proposed by the very 1st Congress of the
- 6 United States, sitting in the City of New York on September 25, 1789,
- 7 which amendment reads as follows:

8 "AMENDMENT XXVII

- 9 No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators
- 10 and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of
- 11 Representatives shall have intervened."
- 12 THAT the Legislature of the State of Washington acknowledges that
- 13 the constitutional amendment in question has received the approval of
- 14 the required number of states.
- 15 THAT the Legislature of the State of Washington further
- 16 acknowledges that the constitutional amendment in question became
- 17 Amendment XVIII to the United States Constitution during the a.m. hours
- 18 of May 7, 1992, when the Legislature of the State of Michigan became
- 19 the 38th state to ratify it; that on May 18, 1992, the Archivist of the

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- 1 United States issued a proclamation published in the Federal Register
- 2 concluding that the two hundred four year old proposal had in fact been
- 3 incorporated into the United States Constitution; and that on May 20,
- 4 1992, both the United States Senate and the United States House of
- 5 Representatives, by roll-call votes, adopted resolutions concurring
- 6 with the Archivist's conclusion.
- 7 THAT while the Legislature of the State of Washington is quite
- 8 aware of this constitutional amendment's success in already having
- 9 become part of the United States Constitution, it is important that the
- 10 unique imprint of the State of Washington be placed thereon and that
- 11 the State of Washington join the forty-two other states that have
- 12 already given their approval to what is now Amendment XXVII.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of the State of
- 14 Washington shall transmit duly attested enrolled copies of this joint
- 15 resolution to Washington, D.C., to the Archivist of the United States,
- 16 pursuant to P.L. 98-497; to the Vice-President of the United States, as
- 17 presiding officer of the United States Senate; to the Speaker of the
- 18 United States House of Representatives, and to all remaining members of
- 19 the State of Washington's congressional delegation, including both
- 20 United States Senators, with the request that this joint resolution's
- 21 text be spread upon the Congressional Record and journals of both
- 22 houses of Congress.

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